ble to any other gas based project, as the power generating units are of conventional type.

(c) The Government may consider setting up of such power units in Kutch area of Gujarat subject to the availability of gas and receiving techno-economically feasible proposal from Gujarat. Exploration activities are going on.

Bureaucratic meddling in promotion of smokeless Chulhas

2002. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the findings of a seminar on Indoor-pollution in developing countries as reported in the Economic Times dated 27th March, 1993;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India could provide only 8 million such Chulhas for rural households during 1992—90 whereas China attained a target of more than 120 million during the same period; and

(c) if so, whether Government would entrust such a vital project aimed at energy conservation to non-governmental organisations so as to avoid bureaucratic meddling causing delays and cost overruns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the report appearing in the Economic Times. The fact is that Indian National Programme is one of the largest programmes in the world, so far over 14 million Improved Chulhas have already been installed throughout the country since inception and it is proposed to install nearly 18 million Improved Chulhas during the 8th Plan period. The programme has contributed significantly in the area of fuel conservation, environmental upgradation, mitigating the drudgery tf women in cooking and collection of fuelwood etc. The details of the China's programme are, however, not known.

(c) The programme is being implemented through Non-Governmental Organisations in addition to the Government Agencies and greater involvement of NGOs, Women Organisations and self employed entrepreneurs etc. is being encouraged to make it self-sustainable.

Anomaly in pay-scales

2003. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there is a wide spread resentment among Senior Research Assistants/Senior Technical Assistants working in Central Government Departments due to anomaly in their pay-scales;

(b) whether Government have received any representation regarding revision of their pay-scale from Rs. 1640-2900 to Rs. 2000-3200; and

(c) if so, what decision Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) A proopsal for revision of pay scale of Senior Technical Assistants in the Department of Company Affairs from Rs. 1640-2900 to Rs. 2000-3200 has been received in the Ministry of Finance from the administrative Department very recently. A decision will be taken shortly.

Ban on new recruitments

2004. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of

report appearing in the Economic Times dated 8.4.93 quoting that China is contemplating mass retrenchment of 8 million Government employees to raise funds to cover a part of wage increases this year;

(b) if so, whether our Government propose to follow suit by calmping a ban on new recruitments in Government and Public Sector Undertakings for five years; and

(c) whether Government are considering implementation of one-family-one-job norms to ease the chronic unemployment situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. There is no proposal for putting a total ban on recruitment.

(c) No, Sir.

संघ लोक सेवा आयोग की परीक्षा के संबंध में शिकायतें

2005. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को वर्तमान वर्ष में संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा आयोजित एक परीक्षा में परीक्षार्थियों को दिए गए अकों में हेराफेरी करने के संबंध में परीक्षार्थियों और कुछ संसद-सदस्यों से शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इन शिकायतों की जांच कराने के आदेश दिए हैं; और

(ग) पिछड़े वर्गों के परीक्षार्थियों को न्याय दिलाने के लिये दोषी अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पैंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्रीमती मार्गेट आल्वा) : जी, नहीं। चालू वर्ष के दौरान संघ लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा केवल भारतीय वन सेवा परीक्षा, 1993, संयुक्त चिकित्सा सेवा परीक्षा, 1993 तथा राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी तथा नौसेना अकादमी परीक्षा 1993 आयोजित की गई है तथा उनके परिणाम अभी घोषित किए जाने हैं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

CBI probe into computer deal signed by Bangarappa Ministry

2006. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a CBI probe into the Rs. 5.26 crore controversial computer deal signed by the Bangarappa Ministry has been computered, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the CBI officials have filed an FIR in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir. CBI have registered an FIR based on the complaint received from the Govt. of Karnataka vide their letter No. DPAR 36 AMC 93, dated 19-3-1993.

(c) A regular case No. 1(A)/93-ACU-IV/CBI, New Delhi under sections 120B read with 419 and 420 of IPC and Sections 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 has been registered against Shri J. Alexander,